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SUBJECT: JEWISH DISSIDENTS TO CONDEMN BOMB THREATS AT U.N.

HEADQUARTERS, IRAQI MISSION

1. MOSCOW'S JEWISH DISSIDENT COMMUNITY INTENDS STRONGLY AND PUBLICLY TO CONDEMN THE BOMB THREATS AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS AND IRAQI MISSION. DISSIDENT SOURCES SHOWED EMBOFF JANUARY 13 A DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH CONDEMNS THE BOMB THREATS AS A "MORAL OUTRAGE"; AS AN ACT THAT HELPS NEITHER ISRAEL AND JEWS IN GENERAL NOR SOVIET JEWRY IN PARTICULAR. THE DECLARATION CONCLUDES WITH A STATEMENT THAT IS IS JUST SUCH ACTIVITIES THAT COULD CAUSE THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO INSTIGATE "POGROM" AGAINST SOVIET JEWS.

2. ALTHOUGH MINOR DRAFTING CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN ORDER TO GAIN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECLARATION WILL BE ISSUED TO THE WESTERN PRESS, PROBABLY BY THE EVENING OF JANUARY 13, IN SUBSTANTIALLY ITS PRESENT FORM. THE DRAFTERS OF THE PETITION SAY THAT THEY WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE IN GETTING 20-25 SIGNATURES FROM AMONG ALL OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS
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THAT COMPRISE MOSCOW'S JEWISH DISSIDENT COMMUNITY.

3. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT THEY WERE EVEN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE USSR OF THIS EVENT THAN THEIR DECLARATION STATED. THEY FEEL THAT THIS COULD BE A PRETEXT THAT WILL ENABLE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CLAMP DOWN HARD ON DISSIDENT JEWISH ACTIVITIES HERE, CITING SECURITY AS THE EXCUSE. WHILE THEY ADMIT THAT THEY MAY BE OVERSTATING THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS WITHIN THE USSR OF THIS EVENT, OUR SOURCES FEEL THAT THE SPECIFICALLY JEWISH NATURE OF ITS PERPETRATORS COULD WELL LEAD TO A RISE IN SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES.

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